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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of
Soichiro KATO , et al.
Appln. No.: 10/774,624
Confirmation No.: 8686
Filed: February 10, 2004
For: SEPARATOR, LINEAR GUIDE USING THE SEPARATOR AND LINEAR MOTION APPARATUS

Docket No: Q79819
Group Art Unit: 3682
Examiner: Lenard A. Footland

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The Examiner has identified the application as containing claims directed to seven (7) distinct species. The Examiner has required the Applicant to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted. The Examiner believes there are no generic claims. Applicant has been advised that a response to this requirement shall include an identification of the species that is elected and a listing of all claims readable thereon.

In response to the Examiner's requirement, Applicant elects, without traverse, Species I, Figure(s) 1-24b for examination on which claims 1-12 and 20-21 are readable.

Applicant submits that if any of the elected claims are found to be allowable, claims dependent therefrom should similarly be considered allowable in the same application.

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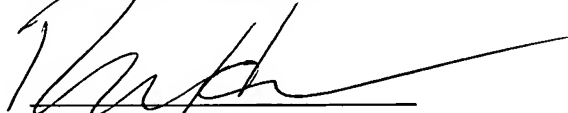
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Applicant reserves the right to file a Divisional Application directed to non-elected claims 13-21.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,



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